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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Keith David Bussell Confirmation No. 7076
Application No. : 09/692,746
Filed : October 18, 2000
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING AN
ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BEARING ITEM
Grp./Div. : 3621
Examiner : Firmin Backer
Docket No. : 40624/SAH/S850

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Post Office Box 7068
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068
November 1, 2004

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated April 30, 2004 for Three month(s) from July 30, 2004 to October 30, 2004.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$ 110	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 215	\$ 430	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 490	\$ 980	\$980
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 765	\$1530	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1040	\$2080	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$980.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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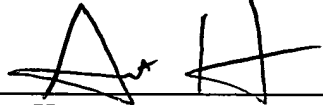
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

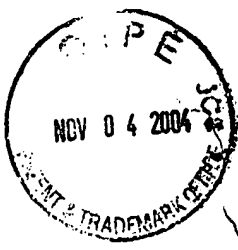
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of April 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.